



## **City Administrator Monthly Update January 2013**

**By City Administrator Mike Story**



### **Administration**

The City of Rialto is committed to operating in a fiscally responsible manner to provide vital and essential services to our city.

Since 2007, the City has trimmed payroll from 330 to 259 – a reduction of more than 21% – and we're continuing to look at ways to reduce expenses while providing vital and essential services to our residents. Moving forward, options include hiring freezes, additional staffing cuts and salary and benefit reductions.

We've been equally aggressive about finding new sources of revenues, recently making national headlines for our innovative public-private partnership that will finance much-needed improvements to our water and wastewater infrastructure and position us to attract new businesses and jobs as part of the Renaissance Specific Plan at the site of the Rialto Airport.

There's no question we have our work cut out for us. Like practically every other city in California, we've been hit hard by the recession, the loss of redevelopment agencies, and a sharp reduction in sales and property tax revenues.

Since 2007, our overall general fund revenues have declined by nearly \$8.5 million, from \$57.8 million to \$49.3 million, and even with an extension of our Utility Users Tax, we project a budget deficit in the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

We are aggressively confronting these challenges – on the expense side and with revenues as well. This public-private partnership will allow us to move forward on economic development initiatives that we would otherwise have to give up on following the state-mandated elimination of redevelopment agencies. In a perfect world, we would love to get rid of the Utility Users Tax. The fact is, it produces \$11 million annually – or 22% of total general fund revenues.

The Utility Users Tax was originally implemented in 2003 as a replacement for two other taxes – the citywide PERS Property Tax and a Community Facility District Tax in Las Colinas. It was extended in 2007 for five years, and a public vote to extend it another five years is scheduled for March 5, 2013.

As the economy recovers, our goal will be to wean ourselves from the Utility Users Tax. Doing so now – with sales and property tax revenues still well below where they need to be to sustain essential city services – would have a catastrophic impact citywide.

These are challenging times for all cities, including Rialto. We appreciate the sacrifices our community has made, and we are committed to continue to take whatever aggressive steps are necessary to ensure the City's financial viability for years to come.

## **Notice of City Offices Closed**

City Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 21, 2013.

## **Administrative & Community Services**

### **Finance Division**

The City's annual audit for fiscal year 2011/2012 is scheduled to be completed in this month. Finance will also be working to complete the mid-year analysis based on the activities through December 2012. The final result and budget update will be presented at the February 26, 2013 City Council meeting.

### **Recreation Division**

#### Tiny Tots

Tiny Tot classes have exploded! Looking for a class for your 3-5 year old? We have expanded our class offering for Tiny Tots due to popular demand. Enrollment is open now for Tiny Tot classes. Classes are offered Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. A variety of options are provided for attendance for your convenience. Classes are offered at the Community Center and at Trapp Elementary. Classes are filled on a first come first served basis so reserve your child's spot today! Please call Rialto Recreation to enroll (909) 421-4949.

#### Senior Valentine Dance

The Friends of Rialto Senior Center will be offering a Valentine Dance February 15, 2013 at the Senior Center. Tickets can be purchase in advance for \$5 and for \$7 at the door. So dust of your dancing shoes and head down to the Senior Center on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided and for your musical enjoyment Art Copper & Co. will be playing. For more information please call the Rialto Senior Center at (909) 877-9706.

#### Community Theater

At the Sandra R. Courtney Community Theater, auditions are approaching for the play Twentieth Century by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, adapted by Ken Ludwig, and directed by Kerry Jones. Auditions will be held January 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>. If not coming to the auditions please mark your calendars for the performances and matinees, March 9 & 10, 15, 16 & 17, 22, 23 & 24. For tickets and reservations please call (909) 873-8514.

For additional show listings and information please visit

[www.rialtocommunityplayers.org](http://www.rialtocommunityplayers.org)

### **Human Resources Division**

#### Job Opportunities

The City of Rialto is currently recruiting for the following positions:

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
Police Cadet	January 10, 2013
Police Officer – Lateral	January 17, 2013
Police Officer – Trainee	January 10, 2013

Please visit the City of Rialto's website at [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov) to apply.

#### Prescription Drug Discount Program

City	Month	Total Rxs	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings
Rialto	Oct-12	126	\$ 960.54	\$ 7.62	23.7%
Rialto	Nov-12	105	\$ 693.63	\$ 6.61	17.1%

#### Career Vision: Employment Boot Camp!

Presenter: Jamie Beck, MS

Date: February 20, 2013

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Rialto Senior Center

To RSVP, please call (909) 820-2540 ... Seating is limited to **60!**

#### About the Workshop:

"Whether someone has been searching for a job for two weeks or two years, this workshop provides imaginative ideas to turn their job search process from reactive to proactive and puts them in the driver's seat. Participants will learn how to NOT be their own worst enemy and find a job based on their passion and interests, using innovative search techniques and learn effective resume writing and interview techniques." – Jamie Beck, MS

#### Presenter Bio:

Presenter, Jamie Beck, has a Master's Degree in Human Services with an emphasis in Social Systems and a concentration in Family and Work and She has worked for California Department of Education and First 5 funded programs in the public and nonprofit sector, has been a CSU Career Counselor, owns and operates Baby Elephant Books, presents career education workshops and trainings at libraries, high schools, colleges and community organizations, keynotes at conferences and offers private career coaching.

#### Job Fair

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Cathedral of Praise - 1521 S. Riverside Ave., Rialto, CA 92376

***More details to follow in the coming months.***

*(This Job Fair is a partnership between San Bernardino Valley College, Cathedral of Praise, and the City of Rialto.)*

## **Police Department**

### **City-Sourced "App"**

City-Sourced delivers custom mobile reporting applications to our residents across all the major smart-phone platforms (iPhone, Android, Blackberry, & Windows Phone).

City-Sourced provides a simple platform empowering residents to identify public safety issues (gang activity, narcotics activity, graffiti, abandoned vehicles etc.) and report them to the Police Department, Code Enforcement, or Public Works for resolution. This application is NOW available! For more visit our website at [www.rialtopd.com](http://www.rialtopd.com).



### Coffee with the Chief



"Coffee with the Chief" offers residents an opportunity to personally meet their Police Chief and other representatives in a casual setting. Please join Chief Tony Farrar for "Coffee with the Chief" Tuesday January 8, 2013 at Coco's Restaurant 1683 S Riverside Avenue from 8:00am to 9:00am.

### Reminder - Rialto PD is on Facebook!

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Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD>.

### New PD Badge

In 2013, the RPD Badge will have a new look. The design was submitted by Officer Javier Pulido and depicts the Rialto Bridge, a symbol of this community. The cost of the new badges will be off-set by the officers purchasing their old badges.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Badges – Blood Drive



On January 8, 2013, the Rialto Police Department, in partnership with the Rialto Fire Department, participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Badges blood drive. This was the first year for Rialto and we far exceeded the number of people who originally signed up to donate! Special thanks go out to Kim Martin, Lt. Kathy Thompson and Battalion Chief Frank Bekker for putting this event together.

### Citizen's Academy Class

The Rialto Police Department is currently accepting applications for the next Citizen's Academy class. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis, and the next Citizen's Academy will be held in early 2013. The academy will meet one night per week, from 6pm to 9pm, for 10 weeks. There is no fee for the class.

Anyone interested in attending the Citizen's Academy can download an application at [www.rialtopd.com](http://www.rialtopd.com) (search under "Community" tab) and e-mail it to Lieutenant Kathy Thompson at [kthompson@rialtopd.com](mailto:kthompson@rialtopd.com). Applications can also be picked up at the Rialto Police Department, 128 N. Willow Ave.



## **Area Command Meetings January / February 2013**

Area #1 Meeting – Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7 pm. Sunrise Church 2759 N Ayala Ave. For additional information contact Lieutenant Andy Karol (909) 820-2526 Email: [akarol@rialtopd.com](mailto:akarol@rialtopd.com).

Area #2 Meeting – Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7 pm. Henry Elementary School 470 E Etiwanda Ave. For additional information contact Lieutenant Kathy Thompson (909) 820-2560 Email: [kthompson@rialtopd.com](mailto:kthompson@rialtopd.com)

Area #3 Meeting – Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7 pm. Bloomington Christian 9904 Bloomington Ave. For additional information contact Lieutenant Bill Wilson (909) 421-7276 Email: [wwilson@rialtopd.com](mailto:wwilson@rialtopd.com)

Area #4 Meeting – Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 7 pm. Boyd Elementary School 310 E Merrill Ave. For additional information contact Lieutenant Jim Kurkoske (909) 820-2634 Email: [jkurkoske@rialtopd.com](mailto:jkurkoske@rialtopd.com)

## **A Review of RPD Christmas Programs 2012**

### Annual K-9's for Kid's Program



In December 2012, members of the Inland Empire Police Canine Association conducted their annual "K-9's for Kid's" visit at Fontana Kaiser Hospital. The unit delivered gifts for 14 very sick kids along with purchasing gift cards for some very needy families. Teams from Rialto (Officer Glen Anderson), Colton and Union Pacific Railroad Police participated.

### Shop with a Cop 2012

Rialto Police Officers took 14 children to Wal-mart in Rialto, buying each child \$50 in presents and another \$40 for their parents or guardians. Families filled out applications and were selected by officers based on need. The Kiwanis Club, Rialto's Police Officer Benefit Association and other donors pitched in for the gift money. Community Liaison - Corporal Cameron Nelson is depicted in the photo.



### Santa Arrives at Sunrise Church by Helicopter



On December 18, 2012, Santa flew into Rialto and left the children smiling from ear-to-ear! Thanks to everyone that made this possible.



### Hearts to Share Christmas Program

The "Hearts to Share" Christmas program began in 1992. To date, this program has helped over 10,000 children! This year we assisted over 500 children. A special thanks to Noretta Barker and Gina Karol for making this event happen.



## Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Competitive Grant for FY 2013

Research suggests that crime clustered in small areas, or “hot spots,” accounts for a disproportionate amount of crime and disorder in many communities. As a result, the last two decades have seen the development of new evidence-based strategies that target these issues in order to prevent and/or deter future crime. The Police Department will be working to submit an application for this competitive grant. Grant awards will be up to 1 million dollars.

## Fire Department

### Holiday Gifts to the Community



Every year, thousands of children experience a Christmas morning with no gifts to open. To help remedy this, Rialto Firefighters joined other Southland Fire Departments to host the “Spark of Love Toy Drive”. Through the volunteer efforts of our fire department personnel, donors, and sponsors, over 540 individual toys were collected in the City of Rialto alone. Most of these toys were then distributed to 58 families in our community to celebrate the holiday season. Toys are collected from late November and throughout December at local fire stations, and then distributed to children throughout our community and other communities throughout Southern California. The Fire Department also participate in the annual Los Colinas toy drive along with Rialto PD, Santa, and a number of volunteers who joined in spreading true holiday spirit.

### Emergency Operations Center Training

In an ongoing effort to ensure that the City of Rialto is prepared to manage any form of natural or man-made disaster, key members of the City’s staff will be participating in Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Training. The EOC is an integral part of coordinating disaster response and recovery efforts with our local, State, and Federal resources. Having a well run EOC ensures that our community member’s needs are taken care of as quickly as possible, and that the City receives appropriate resources and funding to aid in a rapid recovery. Every department head and their staff play a key role in a standardized approach to organizing response and recovery. The Fire Department will be organizing training sessions throughout the month of January and February, and planning large-scale exercises to be held later in the year. Collectively, these efforts ensure that the City of Rialto will be well prepared to deal with a broad variety of events that could impact our community.



### Hazardous Materials Response Training



Rialto Firefighters participated in Hazardous Materials response training in the month of December. The training included full-scale simulation of a significant hazardous materials release, which included containing the hazardous product and setting up equipment for Decontamination procedures. Dealing with volatile chemicals in these situations requires a broad understanding of chemistry, industrial processes, and incident command. Crews must also be very familiar with sophisticated

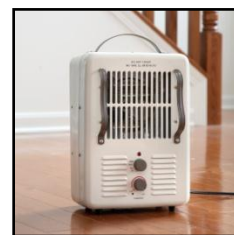
testing and monitoring equipment and decontamination procedures that limit exposure and prevent the spread of hazardous materials beyond the incident scene. The Rialto Fire Department has several hazardous materials specialists as well as state of the art equipment to ensure that any release of hazardous material will be quickly contained before it creates a health problem for our community members.

### Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

The Rialto Fire Department wants to remind everyone that home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season. This is due in part to an increase in cooking and heating fires. Additionally, the high cost of heating our homes has caused many people to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man-made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from heating fires by identifying potential hazards and following the safety tips:



- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load. **TIP:** Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.



#### **...and, as always**

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- Contact the Fire Department at (909) 824-2501 for advice if you have a question on home fire safety.

## Development Services Department

### Solar Panels Installed on Rialto Warehouse

In July 2012, the Perera Construction & Design Company began construction on a \$5 million photovoltaic system mounted on the roof of a warehouse owned and operated by the Prologis Investment Group at 1592 N. Tamarind Avenue. At 543,000 square feet, the system covers virtually the entire roof, leaving just enough room for firefighter and emergency equipment access. The project was finalized on January 2, 2013.

The solar panels will produce approximately 2 megawatts of power, enough to serve 200 average homes for one year. The power will be added to the “grid” and sold by

Southern California Edison to customers in its service territory. Prologis receives a rental payment for the use of its rooftop. This is the second large warehouse application of solar power in Rialto.



### City of Rialto Prevails in Court; Wal-Mart Supercenter May Proceed

After nearly five years of litigation, the City of Rialto has finally prevailed in its litigation to permit the development of a Wal-Mart Supercenter at the intersection of Riverside Avenue and San Bernardino Avenue. The California Supreme Court upheld the earlier decision of the Fourth Appellate Court, which determined that the City complied with the substantive requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and related zoning laws. The opposition group Rialto Citizens for Responsible Growth had requested the California Supreme Court to review the Appellate Court decision, and on December 12, 2012 the Supreme Court denied the request. This now allows Wal-Mart to finally move forward with entitlements to develop the project during 2013. Staff is meeting with the Wal-Mart development staff on January 15, 2013 to kick start the Project.

Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two - No. E052253
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<b>IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA</b>
<b>En Banc</b>
RIALTO CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, Plaintiff and Respondent,
v.
CITY OF RIALTO et al., Defendants and Appellants;
WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST et al., Real Parties in Interest and Appellants.
The petition for review is denied. The requests for an order directing depublication of the opinion are denied.
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Frank A. McGuire Clerk Deputy

## City Approves Expansion of Federal Express Facility in South Rialto

In December 2012, the Development Review Committee approved an expansion to the Federal Express (FedEx) facility. The 36 acre site (with planned 307,100 square foot building) is located within the Rialto Commerce Center east of Cactus Avenue, north of Cricket Drive, south of Jurupa Avenue, and west of Hall Avenue. The project also includes a gateway building (approximately 1,900 square feet) and a maintenance building (approximately 5,200 square feet). An infiltration basin will also be constructed on the site.

The existing FedEx facility lies to the west of the proposed expansion and an access road will be constructed between the two facilities. Construction is anticipated to take approximately ten months, commencing in spring 2013. The facility will operate 24 hours per day Monday through Friday, with Saturday operation as needed. FedEx expects the center to have approximately 540 full- and part-time employees. Of those, 300 would serve as truck drivers (off-site), 200 as packagers (on-site) and 40 would serve in an administrative capacity (on-site).



*The FedEx Expansion Site is located just westerly of its existing facility on Resource Drive, and just east of the future Rialto Commerce Center.*

FedEx is one of the City's largest employers and taxpayers.

## Wind Down of Redevelopment Continues

The State-ordered dissolution of redevelopment continues, with the City recently required to forward to the County Auditor-Controller the sum of \$3 million from its former Housing Set-Aside funds. This represents the amount of unobligated cash that the former Agency held at June 30, 2012. The City submitted payment to avoid sanctions by the State, including the possible loss of property tax and sales tax allocations. The City submitted a protest letter with the payment to reserve its entitlement to litigate at a later date, particularly with respect to two loans the Agency secured for the Rialto Housing Authority totaling \$2.6 million which will come due in 2014 and 2015.

The State's focus now moves on to the non-housing cash of the former Agency. The City has completed the audit as required by the statutes and will submit it to the Oversight Board and the State in January, 2013. After review and approval by the State, the City will be asked to forward all unencumbered cash to the County Auditor-Controller. The City will retain all unexpended bond proceeds and other cash assets that are necessary to pay approved enforceable obligations. If the process ensues similar to the housing review, the City and State will have numerous disagreements that will need to be resolved through meet-and-confer sessions, document exchanges and extensive correspondence.

## Inland Empire City Profile 2012

Each year, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) engages economist John Husing to conduct a comparison of cities on a variety of economic health indicators. The table below summarizes various measures comparing Rialto with larger San Bernardino County as reported in the October, 2012 edition of the *Inland Empire Quarterly Economic Report*.

**Inland Empire City Profile (2012)**

Indicator	Data Year	Rialto	SB County	Rialto Ranking in SBC	Rialto as % of SBC
Population	2012	100,606	2,063,919	7	5%
Median HH Income	2011	\$45,415	\$52,607	16	86%
Median Income/Capita	2011	\$13,020	\$19,060	23	68%
Taxable Retail Sales (\$M)	2012	\$877	\$27,213	11	3%
Taxable Retail Sales/Capita	2012	\$8,755	\$13,396	16	65%
Assessed Valuation (\$B)	2012	\$5,697	\$162,679	11	4%
Assessed Valuation/Capita	2012	\$56,630	\$79,349	17	71%
Financial Deposits (\$M)	2011	\$471	\$19,573	13	2%
Financial Deposits/Capita	2011	\$4,734	\$9,703	23	49%
Existing Home Sales (#)	2011	1,287	25,505	8	5%
Median Home Price	2011	\$171,000	\$149,000	14	115%
Homes "under water"	2012	55%	52%	10	106%
New Home Sales (#)	2011	53	1,199	9	4%
Median New Home Price	2011	\$198,000	\$250,000	14	79%

Source: Inland Empire Quarterly Economic Report

- Population.** Rialto's population of just over 100,000 makes it the seventh largest city (out of 24 cities) in San Bernardino County, representing approximately 5% of the total County population. Rialto's population growth has been fairly stable in recent years around the 100,000 mark and should remain this way until one of the major master planned communities breaks ground. As the City builds out in accordance with its General Plan, the population is expected to increase to approximately 180,000 residents (inclusive of current City and sphere of influence areas).
- Income.** A community's income is probably the most important measure of economic health. Rialto's median household income of \$45,415 in 2011 ranked sixteenth in the County out of 25 jurisdictions compared (24 cities plus the County), representing approximately 86% of the countywide median income. The City's relative standing has been on a steady downward trend over the last thirty years, from a peak of 108% of the County median as reported in the 1980 census. The "great recession" which began in 2008 has been particularly hard on traditional Rialto employment sectors, including construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade.

On a population adjusted basis, Rialto ranked twenty-third out of 25 jurisdictions with a per capita income of \$13,020. Rialto's very large average household size drives the per capita figures downward. Basically, household incomes are stretched to pay for shelter, food and clothing necessities. Per capita income figures are a key demographic factor considered by retail chains when deciding where to locate, since it is a strong measure of a community's purchasing potential. Discretionary retail purchases (i.e. cars, electronics, etc.) are predicated upon adequate levels of disposable income.

- **Taxable Retail Sales.** Taxable retail sales represent approximately 20% of the City's general fund revenues. Rialto recorded taxable sales of \$877 million in 2012, capturing 3% of the County total and placing eleventh overall. Ideally, the City would capture taxable retail sales equal to or greater than its share of the total population (5%). Generally, cities capturing less than their population share are deemed to be "leakage" communities, losing retail sales to other jurisdictions. This is typical of bedroom communities which provide neighborhood and community retail goods, but lack regional retail uses such as car dealers, regional or outlet malls.

On a per capita taxable retail sales basis, Rialto ranked sixteenth within the County, and realized taxable sales per person of just 65% of the County average. Rialto's General Plan build-out goal is to capture 80% of the County average, which would produce another \$2.6 million in general fund revenue annually (in 2013 dollars – non inflation-adjusted). Planned retail centers including the Wal-Mart Supercenter, Renaissance Rialto and Lytle Creek will be the primary producers, along with continued growth in the non-retail sector (i.e. business-to-business sales).

- **Property Assessed Valuation.** Assessed values are an important economic indicator because property taxes, a major source of general fund revenue, are based upon real estate valuations. Ideally, the City would report assessed values that equal or exceed its share of the population when compared to the entire County. Rialto's population represents 5% of the County total, while it captures 4% of the County assessed value, a ratio of 80%.

On a per capita basis, Rialto captures just 71% of the countywide average assessed valuation. Again, larger average household sizes tend to drive down the per capita figures for Rialto when compared with other jurisdictions. Promisingly, Rialto reported the largest percentage increase in assessed valuation countywide for the current fiscal year (2.7%) which bodes well for property tax receipts to eventually move upward on a sustainable basis. The current activity in the industrial market should help accelerate this improvement. However, as with the decrease which began several years ago, there is a lagging effect before the receipt of higher general fund revenue based on the increased valuations.

- **Financial Deposits.** This indicator is a measure of the community's liquid wealth. Generally, more affluent communities and/or commercial banking centers tend to have the highest per-capita financial deposits. Rialto ranks very low (twenty-third) on per-capita financial deposits, realizing just 49% of the County average. Some potential explanations for the weak comparisons include:

a lower percentage of households with banking relationships (i.e. many cash-basis households); low per-capita income levels which make household savings difficult; and the lack of commercial banks which would capture business accounts. The impacts of the recession on employment and household income also factor into the poor results in this comparison.

- **Existing Home Sales.** Rialto captured 5% of the County's existing home sales, which is exactly what would be expected based upon the City's population share. The median resale price was \$171,000 which represented 115% of the County average. Existing homes with mortgage amounts exceeding the underlying home value (i.e. "under water") represented 55% of the stock, which is comparable to the 52% factor countywide. With interest rates at historic lows and with the diminishing inventory of foreclosed homes, sales volumes and prices should begin a steady rebound as long as the economy continues to improve. All Inland Empire cities need home equities to be restored, to allow the proper functioning of the housing market and to encourage rehabilitation of the existing housing stock.
- **New Home Sales.** Rialto recorded fifty-three new home sales in 2011, which represented 4% of the County total. New home construction substantially declined during the recession, and recovery is projected to be very slow for this sector moving forward.

These statistical comparisons illustrate a need for improvement in various components of the local economy, starting with employment. Most of the economic forecasts for the Inland Empire project modest improvement in employment conditions during 2013. Higher employment rates will improve household incomes, which then impact virtually all of the other measures of economic performance.

### **New Business Licenses**

- Excel Entre Café #1 – 223 South Riverside Avenue #A - Café
- Oriental Gardner – 719 West Sequoia Avenue - Landscaping lawn services
- Shan & Birdie International Co. – 170 North Arrowhead Avenue # E – Wholesale distributors for gifts and crafts
- Ravindranath V. Shahane MD – 1734 North Riverside Avenue #2 – Medical office
- Babylonian Gardens – 134 North Dalewood Avenue – Landscaping/ lawn services
- Goodfellow CA Corporation – 280 West Valley Blvd. – Retail sales of machinery and parts
- Bob's Auto Service – 1202 West Merrill Avenue – Auto general services
- Farmers Insurance Agency – 1645 South Riverside Avenue, #B – Insurance services
- Ruiz Auto Body – 522 West First Street, #C – Repair services
- So Mya Fashions – 1063 West Jackson Street – Home occupation fashion sales
- Los Socious Auto Body - 993 West Valley Blvd., #516 – Auto repair services
- Mary Stewart's Southern – 215 Valley Blvd., – Limited service restaurant
- Underprice Auto Sales Inc. – 824 West Valley Blvd. – New/used auto sales
- Vic's Smog Test Only- 1218 West Merrill Avenue – Smog Technicians

- Smooth Aire - 17631 Valley Blvd. – Specialty contractor
- Enhancing Forward Action Inc. – 135 West Rialto Avenue – Non-profit organization for healthy lifestyles

## Public Works

### Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from January through November 2013 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The schedule of dates is as follows:

January 12, 2013 .....	Rialto Park.....	130 E. San Bernardino Avenue
February 9, 2013.....	Bud Bender Park.....	300 N. Lilac Avenue
March 9, 2013 .....	Margaret Todd Park.....	201 N. Willow Avenue
April 13, 2013.....	Andreson Park.....	726 S. Lilac Avenue
May 11, 2013 .....	Flores Park .....	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue
June 8, 2013 .....	Jerry Eaves Park.....	1485 N. Ayala Avenue
July 13, 2013.....	Fergusson Park.....	2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 10, 2013 .....	Frisbie Park.....	1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 14, 2013.....	Birdsall Park .....	2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 12, 2013 .....	Metrolink Station .....	261 S. Palm Avenue
November 9, 2013.....	Downtown Rialto.....	Riverside & Rialto Avenues

### 2012/2013 Annual Slurry Seal Project

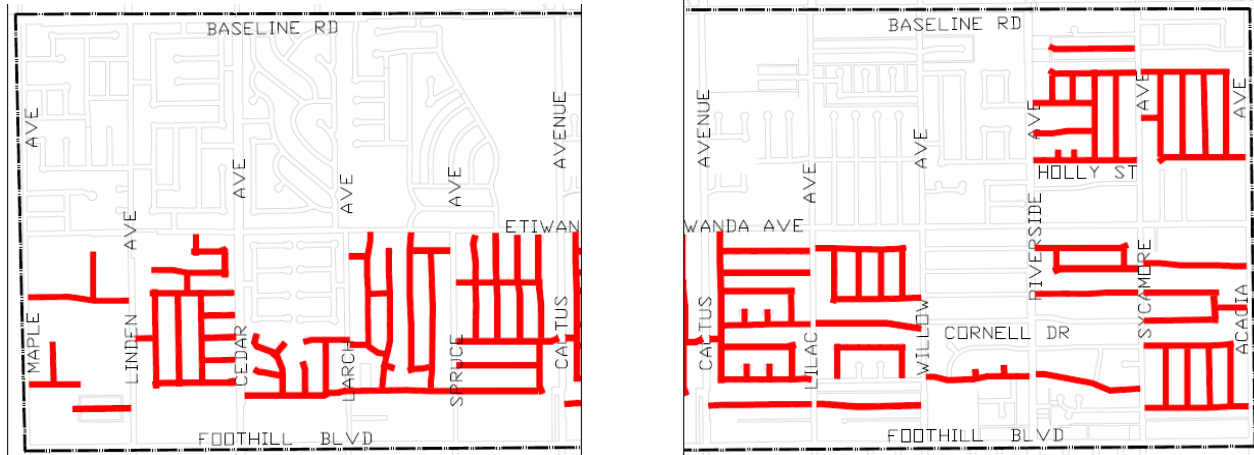
As a part of the Capital Improvement Program, the Public Works Department budgets funding annually for street maintenance projects. An important part of preventative street maintenance is to install a slurry seal over existing street pavement. A slurry seal is a mixture of oil, sand and water, and acts to rejuvenate the existing asphalt pavement, extending the life of the street for up to 7 years.

The City of Rialto has approximately 273.6 centerline street miles of publicly maintained streets. Major Arterials, Secondary Arterials and Collector Streets make up 93.4 centerline street miles, with local residential streets making up the remaining 180.2 centerline street miles (or 2/3 of the entire system). The entire City street network includes approximately 56.5 Million square feet of asphalt concrete pavement and is subdivided into 2,262 individual street segments.

In 2008, the Public Works Department established a zoning system to provide a more effective and systematic management of local streets slurry sealing. The City was divided into five Zones, with each Zone having approximately 54 center street miles (a copy of the Zoning Map is included as an attachment to this report). Annually, a slurry seal project is scheduled in one Zone, with the intention of rotating through each of the five Zones. However, reduced funding for pavement maintenance projects limits the scope of the City's annual slurry seal projects.

This year's annual slurry seal project will include a slurry seal of all the local streets within Zone 3 that were not slurry sealed in the last slurry seal project. A total of 2.9 Million square feet of street pavement will be slurry sealed as part of this project. Maps

of the area identified as Zone 3 are included here (streets to be slurried are identified in red):



The City advertised for bidding in November 2013, and on December 18, 2012, seven bids were received, tabulated as follows:

Company	Location	Bid Amount
American Asphalt South, Inc.	Fontana, CA	\$495,151.76
Valley Slurry Seal Company	West Sacramento, CA	\$517,750.00
Pavement Coatings Co.	Jurupa Valley, CA	\$574,581.98
All American Asphalt	Corona, CA	\$590,701.98
Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc.	Watsonville, CA	\$608,806.00
Roy Allen Slurry Seal, Inc.	Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$715,838.53
Doug Martin Contracting Co., Inc.	La Habra, CA	\$719,435.59

On January 8, 2013 the City Council awarded a contract to the lowest bidder (American Asphalt South, Inc.). Construction is expected to occur by March.

### Riverside Avenue/Linden Avenue Traffic Signal Installation

The Public Works Department constantly evaluates the City's street system including consideration of new signalized intersections. The Public Works Department periodically reviewed the list of unsignalized intersections throughout the City. The list established a prioritization of the intersections based on certain traffic engineering factors, such as: 24 hour traffic volume, highest 4 hour traffic volume, speed limit and number of collisions. These factors were used to prioritize intersections for budgeting purposes. The current list of unsignalized intersections to be signalized in the future (in priority order) is identified as:

Riverside Avenue at Linden Avenue  
 Rialto Avenue at Lilac Avenue  
 Valley Boulevard at Willow Avenue  
 Base Line Road at Tamarind Avenue  
 Rialto Avenue at Acacia Avenue  
 Rialto Avenue at Maple Avenue

Cactus Avenue at Casmalia Street  
 Merrill Avenue at Lilac Avenue  
 Pepper Avenue at Etiwanda Avenue  
 Sycamore Avenue at Randall Avenue  
 Merrill Avenue at Maple Avenue  
 Rialto Avenue at Eucalyptus Avenue

A new traffic signal at Riverside Avenue and Linden Avenue is the highest priority intersection, and is the subject of this capital project. Funding was established for this

project as part of the 2011/2012 fiscal year budget. In September 2012 the City solicited requests for proposals from engineering firms to design the traffic signal and street improvement plans for this intersection, and on October 16, 2012 the City received seven proposals in response to the RFP from the following firms (in alphabetical order):

1. CaliLand Engineering, Inc.; Alhambra, CA
2. Kimly-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Riverside, CA
3. KOA Corporation; Ontario, CA
4. LIN Consulting, Inc.; Diamond Bar, CA
5. Onward Engineering; Anaheim, CA
6. Rick Engineering Company; Lake Forest, CA
7. TKE Engineering, Inc.; Riverside, CA

City staff reviewed the proposals received and determined KOA Corporation to be the most qualified firm, and negotiated a contract with them for the project. On December 11, 2012 the City Council awarded a contract to KOA Corporation. The design work is scheduled to begin this month and is expected to be completed by June 2013, with construction scheduled to begin by end of the year.

### **Safe Routes to School Project (Cedar Avenue)**

This project was initially identified in a letter to the Rialto Unified School District (RUSD) from a concerned parent dated November 1, 2009. The letter urged the RUSD to seek assistance from the City to construct sidewalks along the undeveloped portion of Cedar Avenue that students were using as a path to school. Subsequently, at the February 24, 2010 RUSD Board of Education meeting, several members of the audience expressed their concerns for students walking to and from Rialto schools. Primary among their concerns was missing sidewalks along the east side of Cedar Avenue.

The state of California requested applications for projects to be funded from the new Safe Routes to School (Cycle 10) Program Grant, and the City submitted the Cedar Avenue project for Cycle 10 funding consideration. The City's grant application was successful, and the state awarded the City \$446,200 for construction of missing sidewalk along the east side of Cedar Avenue (between Merrill Avenue and Rialto Avenue) near Rialto Middle School and Werner Elementary School; to upgrade traffic signals at the Rialto Ave./Cedar Ave. and Merrill Ave./Cedar Ave. intersections; and to install a new pedestrian signal at the Cactus Avenue railroad crossing.

On December 11, 2012 the City Council accepted the grant funding from the state, and the Public Works Department is currently coordinating with the state to receive the grant funds and to move forward with the engineering design phase. It is anticipated that design of the project will be completed by December 2013 with construction to occur later in 2014.

### **Community Center Rehabilitation Project (Phase 3)**

On April 24, 2012 the City Council approved the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") 2012/2013 Consolidated Plan – One Year Action Plan. The 2012/2013 Action Plan identified \$225,000 of additional CDBG funding for improvements to Room 101 of the Community Center. The project was listed in the Action Plan as:

Project Title: "Community Center Room 101 Renovation"

Project Summary: "The Community Center Room 101 renovation project includes design work, demolition and subsequent renovation of the 3,500 square foot multi-purpose room (Room 101). Demolition includes the removal of existing flooring, cabinets & counters, lighting, windows, ceiling, doors, etc. Construction includes a movable partition which would allow the room to be divided into two smaller rooms. Construction also includes, but is not limited to, new flooring, lighting, windows, electrical fixtures, cabinetry, doors, audio/visual equipment, tile & other finishes, etc."

The Public Works Department has identified this project as the Community Center Rehabilitation – Phase 3 Project, given that one project was previously completed and another project is planned at the Community Center.

On November 13, 2012 the City Council approved a contract with Miller Architecture Interior Planning ("MAIP") to prepare the necessary architectural plans to accomplish the planned renovation of Room 101 at the Community Center. The Public Works Department has initiated the effort with MAIP, and it is anticipated that the plans will be completed by June 2013 with construction to begin by December 2013.

## **Solid Waste Management News**

### Seeds of Hope...Special Jacket and Sweater Collection

The **Seeds of Hope Outreach** has been serving the community for more than 5 years. Our goal is to feed, serve, educate and employ individuals, families and communities with Love, Support and to lend a hand to those who are down and out.

The **Seeds of Hope Outreach** was established in 2007. The original inception was a home for men. From the home for men, the desire to feed the hungry and hurting was born. Since that time, they have distributed food to more than 30 organizations that help the poor. A few of the organizations they have assisted are: Mary's Table, Cooley's Outreach, Bibleland, Agape Foster Youth Services and the earthquake victims in Mexico. It is their vision to help those in need of education and employment. The Seeds of Hope Outreach is committed to making this world a better place.

Winter time is always a difficult time for individuals and families who are in need. Just trying to keep warm can be a day to day struggle. You can easily help...just take a few minutes out of your day and clean out your closet and donate those gently used coats, jackets and sweaters for all ages that no longer fit or you just don't wear. The **Seeds of Hope Outreach** will be on hand to collect these items so that they may be shared with those less fortunate on:



Saturday, January 26, 2013  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Rialto City Hall, South Parking Lot  
150 S. Palm Ave.







For more information on this collection, please contact the Rialto Waste Management Office at 909-421-7221.

For more information about Seeds of Hope you can call 909-856-0741 or via EMAIL:  
[seedsofhopeoutreach@yahoo.com](mailto:seedsofhopeoutreach@yahoo.com)

## Community Clean-Up Day

Beginning January 2013, the City of Rialto will no longer have Rialto Free Dump Days. We will, however, have 4 Community Clean-Up Days throughout the year. Community Clean-Up Days will consist of the following recycling activities:

- **Household Hazardous Waste** - Our Household Hazardous Waste Site, 246 S. Willow, will accept your used motor oil and filters, paint, household cleaners, pesticides, weed killers, batteries, syringes, fluorescent bulbs, medications and other household chemicals. **We cannot accept explosives, medical waste, abandoned waste, or business waste.** *This site is free to all residents of San Bernardino County.* 
- **Used Tires** – **Rialto City residents** can bring up to 9 used tires to the Public Works Office at 335 W. Rialto Ave on Community Clean-Up days free of charge. We will not accept tires from businesses, including semi-trucks. 
- **Electronic Waste** – Bring your televisions, microwaves, computers and monitors, and other electronics to the south parking lot of City Hall to be recycled. **Businesses are welcome.** 
- **Usable Items** – The Salvation Army will be accepting usable household items (such as clean clothing, furniture, sports equipment, etc.) in the south parking lot of City Hall. 

**The next Community Clean-Up Day will be held on January 26, 2013, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

## Christmas Tree Recycling

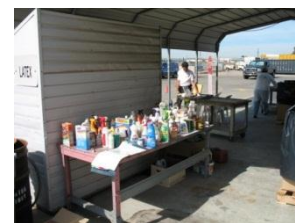
After the Christmas holiday don't forget to recycle your live Christmas trees. Burrtec will be collecting your trees curb side on your regular trash collection days. Before placing your live tree at the curb, remember to remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and stands from the tree. Also, if your tree is taller than 6 feet, be sure to cut it in half before you recycle it.



## Hazardous Household Waste Collection

During the month of December, Solid Waste held their Hazardous Household Waste Collection. The total stats for the event were as follows:

- **144 Resident** served
- **460 gallons** of used motor oil
- **1 pallet** of paint
- **8 drums** of miscellaneous poisons and other toxic liquids
- **6 barrels** of sharps
- **12 vehicle** batteries



During the month of January, the site will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.